

Sinclair Broadcasting plans to force their local stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary dressed up as "news", to try to get around election laws. This is an outrageous abuse of a public broadcast license. The local stations have no option, and highlights the problems in media ownership rules which let a large, consolidated organization override local control. Sinclair has a public license, and is legally obligated to serve the public interest. Where is the FCC oversight? How is this action any different in substance than the following scenario: BigConsolidatedBroadcaster, Inc. is controlled by a left-leaning CEO, and forces their local stations to broadcast Fahrenheit 911 as a news show right before the election. We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and have a substantive license renewal process, not a rubber stamp. Thank you.